There is also a University Text-Book on religion and morals. These contain the essentials of all religion.

First Member of Council.—Please refer to orders on this subject in the Education Memorandum. Let us first make a beginning with it.

Mr. R. Gopalsami Iyer.—Religious teaching in schools should not be compulsory. It should be optional. In Western countries also, it is not compulsory. Physical instruction also should be optional. Students unwilling to attend religious and physical classes should not be compelled to attend the same. If we follow the rules in Western countries, we should provide for medical inspection of schools and supply of the midday meal for children along with the introduction of compulsory physical instruction.

Mr. Syed Abdul Rasheed.—Government have devoted half an hour in the morning for prayer, but this is not properly attended. Similarly physical culture is neglected in all schools. Unless inspecting officers take interest, nothing is possible.

SUBJECT NO. 75.

Opening of Commercial and Agricultural Schools at all district headquarters.

Messrs. A. Narana Iyengar, Hassan Taluk and H. Maralusiddappa, Arsikere Taluk.

Mr. A. Narana Iyengar.—Marwadis have come to our State in large numbers from Bombay and other places for trading. We are not good at trade and even the sons of traders are abandoning the profession. Similarly agriculture is also backward. The students should be trained in commerce and agriculture. Commercial Schools opened at some district headquarters do not impart instruction in indigenous accounts, etc. Instruction on agriculture is also necessary. Agricultural classes may be opened at every district headquarter. Government should encourage such education.

First Member of Council.—There are two Commercial Schools, one at Bangalore and the other at Mysore. Commercial Schools have also been attached to High Schools at district headquarters except Kolar and Chitaldrug. Two courses have been provided—one the junior and the other the senior. Junior Course is open to Lower Secondary candidates and the Senior for S.S.L.C. candidates. Commercial Schools will be opened in the remaining two districts.

As regards agriculture, the policy of Government is to confine agricultural teaching as an opitonal subject in High Schools and Middle Schools.

Mr. Narana Iyengar.—Practical instruction is not given in schools. Mere reading of books will not help.

Inspector-General of Education.—Arrangements will be made for providing practical instructions under the orders on the Education Memorandum.

Mr. Singri Nanjappa.—Formerly, *cooli matthas* used to impart instruction in *roz*, *varga*, etc. Now each man has to train his own accountant. The present educational system suits Government service only. *Jama karch*, *roz*, *varga*, etc., may be taught in all schools. The existing Commercial Schools teach only Shorthand and Type-writing. The students may be taught accounting in vernacular in village schools.

Mr. D. S. Hanumantha Rao.—Teachers trained in agriculture and commerce may be appointed in every school at taluk headquarters. They will be able to give tuition locally.

Mr. Singri Nanjappa.—Merchant classes experience much difficulty in finding accountants for them. The students may be taught accounting in Kannada. English accounting does not help the merchant classes.

Dewan.—Will be considered.

SUBJECT No. 76.

Opening a Law College in Bangalore or Mysore.

Mr. A. Narana Iyengar, Hassan Taluk.

Mr. A. Narana Iyengar.—A law college may be opened at Bangalore or Mysore, as the students taking degrees will have to go either to Madras or Bombay for this branch of study alone. The system of opening evening classes as in the Elphinstone College may be introduced till more funds are available. What is the object of starting an University, if we do not provide for the necessary faculties which are not costly?

First Member of Council.—It is not practicable, at present, for law boys can get admission elsewhere. Whereas for medicine, agriculture, etc., admission cannot be had elsewhere. These faculties have therefore a prior claim on any available funds.

SUBJECT No. 77.

Facilities and encouragement for Technical Education.

Messrs. Karnick Krishna Murthi Rao and Subbiah, Magadi Taluk; N. Surappa, Bangalore Taluk; R. Gopalaswami Iyer, Bangalore City Municipality; T. Ramachendra Rao, Bangalore District Board; K. Ramakrishna Iyer, Kolar Taluk and T. Srinivasachar, Kolar Town Municipality.

Mr. R. Gopalaswami Iyer read an extract from His Highness the Maharaja's speech at Benares University in 1919, regarding the need for technical education. He also referred to an extract from Lord Hardinge's despatch of 1844.

In the above address, H. H. the Maharaja has stated that the present system of education is suited more to Government service, while it has no industrial bent. These remarks apply equally to Mysore. Provision may be made locally for increased facilities. Merit and loan scholarships may be given. The State is industrially backward and facilities may be given to students seeking technical and industrial education. The loan scholarships may be increased.

First Member of Council.—Only those who have aptitude will be given scholarships. We are giving all possible facilities.